1991-92 has been fixed by the Uttar Pradesh State Government, under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'National Project on Biogas Development.'

(b) It is proposed to set up of 1.35 lakh family type biogas plants in the country during the year 1992-93 under the National Project on Biogas Development. This overall target will be distributed among the States in consultation with the State agencies implementing the scheme. The State Government of Uttar Pradesh will indicate the target of biogas plants to be established in Faizabad District during 1992-93. The target for the district is likely to be finanlised during the first quarter of 1992-93 by the Uttar Pradesh Government.

Taking over of power projects in U.P. by NTPC

906. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON - CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NTPC has taken over some power projects in Uttar Pradesh in lieu of outstanding payments from the Uttar Pradesh State Electricity Board; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON - CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) National Thermal Power Corporation has taken over Feroze Gandhi Unchahar Thermal Power Project (FGUTPP) Stage-I (2X210 MW) owned by Uttar Pradesh Rajya Vidut Nigar (UPRVUN), Uttar Pradesh as per ordinance issued by the Governor of UP on 6.2.92 and subsequent notification issued by the Government of UP on 12.2.92.

The cost of this acquisition is Rs. 925 crores. The transfer of assets would neutralise the outstanding dues of Uttar Pradesh State Electricity Board upto 30.11.91 and would also absorb the dues upto 31.3.92 and a part of surcharge due to NTPC from UPSEB. The project has approved capacity of 840 MW. The First unit of Stage-I had been commissioned by UPRVUN in November, 1988 and the second unit in March '89.

Setting up of a thermal power plant in Ghirsindi Aurangabad, Bihar by NTPC

907. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON - CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that N.T.P.C. propose to set up a thermal power plant in Ghirsindi Block, P.O. Nawinagar district Aurangabad, Bihar;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the reasons for the delay in setting up the plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON - CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Thtrt is no proposal from National Thermal Power Corporation for setting up a thermal power plant in Nawinagar in Bihar.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Percentage of Central investment in power projects of Bihar

908. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON - CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the progressive percentage of central investment in the Bihar power project during the successive Five Year Plans;

(b) what are the reasons for the low investments in the State of Bihar and how does it compare with the